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at least one spiral groove within the uniform diametric area that encompasses the longitudinal axis of said substantially rigid shaft of each of said bristles and wherein application of vertical and horizontal pressure in a back and forth scrubbing motion on the tip of the bristle causes the bristle to twist and bend and force saliva between the teeth and gums and wherein the twisting and bending of the shaft of said bristle increases the contacts between the shaft of the bristle and the surface of the teeth and gums so that said spiral groove within the circumference of said shaft of said bristle acts as abrasive device to remove foreign particles lodged between and around the teeth and gums.

## REMARKS

In response to the referenced Office Action, applicant submits claims 17 and 19, as amended to conform with the suggestions of the Examiner. In addition, Applicant has added new claims 20 and 21 to the application. The Amendments to claims 17 and 19 and the new claims 20 and 21 are responsive to Examiner's suggestions in the Office Action dated May 24, 2007.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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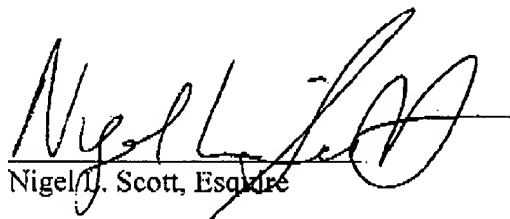
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Applicant's Response to the Office Action mailed on May 23rd, 2007, was faxed to the United States Department of Commerce Patents and Trademarks, Office Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20003, this 22nd day of September 2007.

  
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